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Conference on Creativity, Controls, and  
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Mr. Fitzwater  
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Harry:

Attached is a note  
passed into DCI with a copy  
of the memo proposing a  
conference on Creativity,  
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you would be interested in  
Admiral Turner's penned note  
concerning  if  
indeed he should come here  
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DISAPPROVED: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

DATE: 9 DEC 1977

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